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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member may collect a team and then make a representation to the Government."

Taking over of Periyaram Sanatorium by Government

* *Short Notice Question No.* 13.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Periyaram Tuberculosis Sanatorium Relief Committee at its meeting on 2nd August 1955, under the Presidentship of the Collector of Malabar requesting the State Government to take urgent step to take over the Sanatorium?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the financial condition of this Sanatorium is deplorable and as the Sanatorium will be closed down unless the Government help it, will the Government take early steps to take over the Sanatorium themselves, especially in view of the fact that that is the only sanatorium in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are aware of the financial plight of the sanatorium. We have called for the remarks of the Director of Medical Services on the resolution passed by the Committee. In an interim reply, the Director stated that the matter was under correspondence with the Collector of Malabar."

Closure of the Devadhar High School, Tanur

* 2259 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 4th March 1955, from the Parents' Association, Tanur, requesting the Government to take proper steps to prevent the closing of the Devadhar High School, Tanur, South Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The management of the Devadhar High School, Tanur, failed to comply with the departmental rules and regulations regarding the creation of endowment for the school. The Director of Public Instruction has, therefore, ordered the closure of Form IV from 1955–56. The memorandum received from the Parents' Association was transferred to the Director for disposal."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that as a result of the order of the Director of Public Instruction, the pupils who are already studying in the school are put to great hardship for continuing their study and that much

anxiety prevails? Will the Government see that the institution does not suffer because the management violates the rules and regulations? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not a question of merely running the institution. It should be run properly and then only the student will be benefited. As a matter of fact, we have received complaints from members of the staff of the school that they have not been paid the salary due to them. This happens because there is no endowment and there is no guarantee that the salary will be paid. In order to see that the institution is run properly, the Director had to insist upon the observance of the rule regarding the creation of endowment."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Before taking the drastic step of closing the higher classes, will the Government see whether the managing committee could be reformed or whether any organization of parents could be set up to run the school properly? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If any other institution comes forward to run the school in accordance with the rules, certainly the transfer of the management of the school to that body could be considered. For the last three years we have been asking the management to build up an endowment and also gave the opportunity of building it up in small instalments. But they have not yet created an endowment of even one thousand rupees. In this context the Director had no other option but to order the closure of Form IV."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Both questions Nos. 2260 and 2261 will be taken up together."

Overbridges for level-crossings

* 2260 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of level-crossings to be replaced by bridges in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether the Corporation of Madras represented to the Government to bear the entire cost of construction of over or under bridges in lieu of the five level-crossings at McNichol's Road, Gengu Reddi Road, Thiruvottiyur High Road, Monegar Choultry Road and Light House Road;

(*c*) the estimated cost of construction of these bridges;

(*d*) whether the State Government addressed the Union Government for any aid in the matter;

(*e*) whether the Government have any census of vehicles passing through the level-crossings; and

(*f*) whether the Government of India have sanctioned any loan to the Corporation of Madras through the State Government?